

The Living Lyrics
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PLAY BREAKDOWN

CHARACTERS

RUTH

A musical musician that learned her talents from her mom before she left her and her father BRUCE and wants to show her talent to the world just to prove to herself that she's worth it

BRUCE

Describe your next character here. Be sure to put any CHARACTER NAMES in all caps.

BRIAN

One of RUTH's best friends from the 2nd grade that Loves to pick on his friends a lot just for the fun of it.

CLAIR

The other best friends of RUTH that would help in Anyway she can but she also known as the know it All among of friends with straight A's and rich family

ROBECCA

RUTH'S Mother

SETTING

The scenes take place in a classroom and RUTH's home

TIME

The story takes place in the morning and at night times in the winter

SYNOPSIS

You can put your synopsis from your play proposal here. You can copy and paste. This section is optional.

MUSIC

Optional - You can create a playlist to help people understand the mood of the play.

MOVEMENT, MULTIMEDIA, OR FORMAT NOTES

Optional - If your play uses any special elements, you can explain that in a brief note in your breakdown.

THEMATIC MESSAGE of your play. What idea/value/lesson do you want your audience to walk away having learned?

The lesson I want the audience to learn from the play is to help their children for whatever future they might have for themselves (if it's good of course) and for friends to also show them they support them even when times get tough or hard.

ACT 1

SCENE 1

LIGHTS UP on to RUTH sitting in her room putting away her guitar in her room upstairs getting ready to leave for school.

RUTH

BRUCE walks into RUTH'S room with urgency

Oh hey dad whats up?

BRUCE

Ruth you have to go! Look at the time! You missed the bus and it's too late to walk to school, come on I'll drive you

RUTH

RUTH looks at the clock with shock

Oh shoot! I'm Sorry pops!

RUTH rushed to pick up her book bag and rushed down the stairs quickly and headed down the stairs but stopped to look at a picture of her beautiful mom on the hallway table.

BRUCE

BRUCE looks at RUTH and puts his hand on her shoulder as he passes by her and laughs

You're acting as if she's dead, we are just divorced. She's still alive just living somewhere else farther from us

RUTH

Yea, I guess...

RUTH gets more depressed just standing there thinking about her mother.

BRUCE

Come on kid! It's time for school.

RUTH

Oh shoot right right!! Okay let's go!

SCENE 2

LIGHTS UP on RUTH *Makes it to school just barely before*
The bell rings and runs into the classroom and sees her friends CLAIR and BRIAN laughing watching a youtube video of a monkey throwing poop at the zoo.

BRIAN

Laughs and sees RUTH walk into class

Hey Ruth! I think I found your twin going global on the internet.

RUTH

RUTH Walks behind BRIAN.

Oh haha!

Punches BRIAN'S shoulder

You guys are disgusting, you know that?

BRIAN

Haha, shut up you know you love me!

CLAIR

Hey Ruth, did you see the poster that's outside in the hall?

RUTH

Gives CLAIR a sarcastic look

Nah Clair, as you can see I was too busy running a marathon around this giant school.

Wraps her arms around her desk and lays head down.

All I want to do is just sleep!

CLAIR

There's no time for hibernation! Knowing that you were gonna be late, I grab a sheet off the wall just for you like the good best friend I am.

CLAIR reaches into her backpack and pulls out a colorful sheet with big letters that would attract anyone's eye just from a tiny glimpse from it.

RUTH

what is it?

RUTH takes the paper and starts reading it. Brian looks RUTH'S shoulder and reads along as she reads out loud over

“Dear students of King Teejay elementary school! We are here to invite you to participate in our annual music competition where one of you could have a chance to win \$1,000 for the best performance by our three judges and principal. Your performance can be instrumental, vocal, or can be both depending on your talent. We hope to hear from you soon! From The Living Lyrics”

RUTH crumbles up the paper and throws it in the garbage.

Sounds like a scam.

BRIAN

No actually it's legit. I've been seeing them on youtube almost all the time with the winners of the different schools. Ones from Beverly High, another Jr. Wells, and Music Academy.

CLAIR

Brian..is there anything you haven't seen on there?

BRIAN

A way to disappear to leave this school.

RUTH

RUTH walks back to her desk and sits back down

I don't want to embarrass myself in front of a super famous musician. Think i'll just keep my noobie talents to myself.

CLAIR

Well...

BRIAN AND RUTH

Both speak at the same time while looking at CLAIR with confused stares.

What did you do?

CLAIR

I kinda....maybe...already signed you up to participate to be the next big thing..

RUTH

RUTH stands out of her seat shouting out loud.

WHAT???

school bell rings indicating that class has now started

CLAIR

You can thank me later.

SCENE 3

LIGHTS UP to RUTH

Walking into her front door to

BRUCE in the kitchen

middle of cooking

*in the
dinner*

RUTH tries to close the door quietly and sneak up the stairs

BRUCE

Hey honey! How was school?

RUTH

Ruth stops in her tracks and goes back down the stairs

Hey dad, school was okay I guess.

BRUCE

Oh that good.

BRUCE washes his hands and faces RUTH

So anything new happened today?

RUTH

Um just that I might be in a competition that's coming up soon

BRUCE

BRUCE tilts his head with confusion

Oh seriously? I'm glad you're getting out of your shell after the first competition you entered for the spelling B.

RUTH

RUTH laughs nervously

Yea.... don't remind me of that failure of me spelling "fragile" wrong

BRUCE

How did you fail anyways?

RUTH

RUTH yells a little

I was nervous, okay!!

BRUCE

BRUCE laughs at her embarrassed facial expression

Hahaha, I'm just teasing little chipmunk. Anyways what is this competition about?

RUTH

Umm..its a music competition

BRUCE screams from hot water popping on his finger

BRUCE

It's a what again?

RUTH

Starts stuttering

I-Its a M-music competition..

BRUCE

Long awkward silence

Your not doing the competition.

RUTH

Looks confused and raises her voice a little at BRUCE

What? Why not?

BRUCE

Yells at RUTH

BECAUSE I SAID SO AND ITS FINAL

RUTH

Yells back at BRUCE with rage

THIS IS SO UNFAIR WHY CAN'T I PERFORM! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO BE JUST LIKE MOM!

BRUCE

Turns off hot stove and Faces RUTH with rage in his face

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST BE A NORMAL KID WITH A REAL CAREER